

# BREA OLINDA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

## *Elementary Beginning String Ensemble Enrollment Packet*

**VIOLIN**



**VIOLA**



**CELLO**





## **Concerts**

Concert participation is strongly encouraged. Most concerts occur outside school hours. The most significant of these are the annual all-district band concerts in January and May. These performances are a wonderful opportunity for a district-wide ensemble to showcase their hard work. Information regarding performances will be given to you as they get closer, but **put these dates in your calendar now:**

**Orchestra Showcase - Wednesday February 26th**  
**Brea Junior High School**

**End of Year Concert - May 2020**

**Location and Time TBA**

## **Practice**

The vast majority of students who feel they are not successful in music fail because of only one reason: they just didn't practice enough! Each instrument requires a unique set of skills that are not natural. They are learned. They must be practiced daily. Students will be expected to practice 15 minutes a day, every day of the week. While students may occasionally miss a day for family activities, etc., these days should be rare. Practice is the key to success in music, especially in the first few formative years. There are no shortcuts. Success is worth the effort!

## **Selecting and Obtaining an Instrument**

Students need to select an instrument that they really want to play. If a student attempts to learn an instrument because an older sibling played it, or because there is one lying around, but the student isn't really interested in that instrument, the chances of success are lowered. Also, students who pick a certain instrument because it's easy to carry often aren't really interested and aren't successful. There have been many successful students who learned on an instrument that seemed bigger than they were at the time. They succeeded because they were genuinely interested.

Instruments can be obtained from any reputable music store. It is suggested that renting rather than purchasing instruments might be prudent for beginning string students. These stores rent instruments and most offer a program in which the rent applies to purchase. Basic rental fees vary. You should contact the stores to check their rental rates.

You may have relatives or friends who have a reasonable quality instrument. You certainly should avail yourself of these if possible. Selecting a quality instrument enhances a student's success. You can't learn to play on a broken instrument, just like you wouldn't learn to drive on a car with four flat tires! A quality instrument is more conducive to your child's success.

Please Note: It is recommended that you avoid purchasing instruments that do not come from a reputable maker. Many of these instruments are made with less quality materials, and therefore do not last long. Feel free to ask Mr. Hallum any questions regarding instrument quality and makers.

On the following pages, you will find a list of the suggested cleaning and maintenance supplies that your child should have for each individual instrument. Please take this with you when you rent your instrument to eliminate confusion.

Later in this packet you will find a list of several local music stores. Of course, you may obtain your instrument wherever you like. The district does not endorse any particular music store.

### **Dropping the Instrumental Music Program**

Mr. Hallum would like every student who begins the instrumental music program to finish the year. However, there will be some students who will drop. No students should ever drop before the first eight weeks are over as this is a good interval for students to really investigate what the music program is like. If there is a problem that you would like to discuss, please contact Mr. Hallum. Also remember, if you have a question about instruction in music class, contacting Mr. Hallum directly will get you the quickest response to any concerns you may have. **If a student puts in a good effort and decides that instrumental music is not of interest to them, they may drop by giving a written note, signed by the parent/guardian, to Mr. Hallum.**

### **Deadlines/Important Dates**

#### ***Program Introduction and Informational Meeting***

Tuesday 8/27 @ Mariposa 3:15-4:05 for interested Country Hills, Fanning and Mariposa families

Thursday 8/29 @ Arovista 2:30-3:20 for interested Arovista, Laurel and Olinda families

#### ***Instrument Petting Zoo***

Location: Brea Junior High School Band Room

Date/Time: Wednesday 9/4 and Thursday 9/5, 5:00 - 8:00 P.M.

The instrument petting zoo provides students and parents a chance to try each of the instruments used in beginning band to better select their instrument of choice. Students may test each instrument with help from a knowledgeable BOHS student volunteer and Mr. Hallum.

#### ***Enrollment Form Due Dates:***

Enrollment forms for Laurel, Mariposa, Fanning, Olinda, Country Hills, and Arovista are due by Thursday, 9/6. Instrument assignments will be finalized the week of 9/9.

Turn in enrollment forms to your school office or email directly to Mr. Hallum at [rhallum@bousd.us](mailto:rhallum@bousd.us)

#### ***Instruction Begins WITH INSTRUMENTS:***

Week of Monday, 9/16 (see the schedule at top of this letter for your school's scheduled day)

Music stores do run out of rental instruments, so it is best to get the instrument and become familiar with it as soon as possible. Please contact Mr. Hallum prior to this date if you have any problems.

If you would like more information about the program or anything related to it, please do not hesitate to email Mr. Hallum at [rhallum@bousd.us](mailto:rhallum@bousd.us). We look forward to having your student involved in the music program!

Please keep this letter for future reference.

Sincerely,

Mr. Ryan Hallum - Instrumental Music Director | BOUSD Elementary Schools

## *Instrument Maintenance and Cleaning Supplies*

In addition to your instrument, please look and see what accessories are advised. Take this paper with you to the music store to eliminate confusion! Many stores sell instrument maintenance kits that include all of these listed supplies.

### ***Violin***

Shoulder Rest  
Chin Rest  
Tuner (Electric tuner recommended)  
Rosin  
Two soft clothes (one for Rosin build up on strings and fingerboard; the other to wipe down the instrument)  
Dampit  
Pencil with eraser

### ***Viola***

Shoulder Rest  
Chin Rest  
Tuner (Electric tuner recommended)  
Rosin  
Two soft clothes (one for Rosin build up on strings and fingerboard; the other to wipe down the instrument)  
Dampit  
Pencil with eraser

### ***Cello***

Endpin stop or anchor (A must)  
Tuner (Electric tuner recommended)  
Rosin  
Two soft clothes (one for Rosin build up on strings and fingerboard; the other to wipe down the instrument)  
Dampit  
Pencil with eraser

All students will be using the method book ***Essential Elements Book One*** for their instrument. It should be available at any music store or online.

***For all instruments, a wire, foldable music stand for home practice is highly recommended!!!***

Many music stores teach private lessons. Lessons are always a good idea, and can greatly improve the student's level of success.

## ***Local Music Stores***

Here is a list of some local music stores. You should be able to find all of the advised supplies from any of these local stores. Of course, you may obtain your instrument and supplies wherever you like. The district does not endorse any particular music store. Please contact Mr. Hallum if you need assistance.

Imperial Band Instruments  
15847 East Imperial Hwy. La Mirada,  
CA 90638 (562) 245-6043  
<http://www.imperial-band.com>

Music and Arts (Anaheim Band)  
504 S. State College Anaheim, CA  
92806  
(714) 999-5015  
[www.musicarts.com](http://www.musicarts.com)

Mo's Music  
121 N. Harbor Blvd. Fullerton, CA  
92832  
(714) 871-1805  
[www.mosfullertonmusic.com](http://www.mosfullertonmusic.com)

Moonlight Music Academy  
2812 E. Imperial Hwy Brea, CA 92821  
(657) 444-9027  
moonlightma.com

Morey's Music Store  
4834 Woodruff Ave, Lakewood, CA 90713  
(562) 420-9532  
<http://moreysmusic.com/>

Rowland Music  
19760 Colima Rd.  
Rowland Heights, CA 91748 (909) 595-8986

La Habra Music  
1885 W. La Habra Blvd. La Habra, CA 90631 (562)  
694-4891  
[www.lahabramusic.com](http://www.lahabramusic.com)

Singer Music  
1217 North Hacienda Blvd. La Puente, CA 91744  
(626) 917-9300  
[www.singermusic.com](http://www.singermusic.com)

**BREA OLINDA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BEGINNING STRING ENSEMBLE ENROLLMENT FORM**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

***Instrument Choices*** - choose from Violin, Viola, Cello

Please list your string instrument choice:

\_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever played a musical instrument before? \_\_\_\_\_

Which instrument(s), and for how long? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever taken private lessons on an instrument? \_\_\_\_\_

Which instrument(s), and for how long? \_\_\_\_\_

Do any members of your family play instruments? \_\_\_\_\_

Which instrument(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you already have an instrument at home you would like to play? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, which instrument? \_\_\_\_\_

Is there anything else you would like me to know about you? \_\_\_\_\_

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## ***Contract of Dedication***

As a member of the Elementary Instrumental Music Program, I agree to:

Be on time to class with my instrument and other necessary materials.

Maintain my instrument in good playing condition.

Practice at home on a daily basis (15 minutes per day recommended)

Attend necessary performances during and after school.

Remain in music class for at least eight weeks.

If I feel I would like to drop from the program, I will provide a signed note from my parents.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Name (Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Name (Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

***Thank You!***